

AMENDMENT

Please replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application with the following Listing of Claims.

Listing of Claims

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method for monitoring hardware information associated with a plurality of distinct network devices in an enterprise system, comprising:

invoking a flexible configuration file, the flexible configuration file comprising a first location directive to retrieve parameters from a first network device and a second location directive to retrieve parameters from a second network device, the first network device comprising a first device type and the second network device comprising a second device type,

remotely retrieving real-time hardware information associated with the first network device based on the first location directive, the hardware information including information of one or more hardware characteristics; and

dynamically presenting the real-time information through a display, the display including a first and a second window, the first window including a hierarchical tree structure of user-selectable hardware characteristics, the second window including a tabular display of information associated with a hardware characteristic selected by a user in the hierarchical tree structure of the first window.

2. **(Canceled)**

3. **(Currently Amended)** The method of Claim 254, the hardware information comprising chassis component information.

4. **(Currently Amended)** The method of Claim 254, each hardware characteristic selected from the group consisting of:

memory usage;
chassis temperature;
Central Processing Unit (CPU) usage;
fan status;
module card status; and
power supply status.

5. **(Currently Amended)** The method of Claim 254, further comprising selecting a second location directive of the flexible configuration file to retrieve hardware information associated with a second of the network devices.

6. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
polling the particular network device based on a polling configuration file, the polling configuration file comprising an associated polling interval for each hardware characteristic;
receiving updated hardware information associated with the network device at each associated polling interval; and
dynamically displaying the updated hardware information.

7. **(Canceled)**

8. **(Currently Amended)** The method of Claim 254, the interactive display comprising a first and a second window, the first window comprising a hierarchical tree structure of hardware characteristics, the second window comprising a tabular display of information associated with a hardware characteristic selected in the hierarchical tree structure.

9. **(Currently Amended)** Software for monitoring hardware information associated with a plurality of distinct network devices in an enterprise system, the software comprising computer-readable instructions operable to:

invoke a flexible configuration file, the flexible configuration file comprising a first location directive to retrieve parameters from a first network device and a second location directive to retrieve parameters from a second network device, the first network device comprising a first device type and the second network device comprising a second device type;

remotely retrieve real-time hardware information associated with the first network device based on the first location directive, the hardware information including information of one or more hardware characteristics; and

dynamically present the real-time information through a display;

poll the particular network device based on a polling configuration file, the polling configuration file including an associated polling interval for each hardware characteristic;

receive updated hardware information associated with the network device at each associated polling interval; and

dynamically display the updated hardware information.

10. **(Canceled)**

11. **(Original)** The software of Claim 9, the hardware information comprising chassis component information.

12. **(Previously Presented)** The software of Claim 9, each hardware characteristic selected from the group consisting of:

memory usage;

chassis temperature;

CPU usage;

fan status;

module card status; and

power supply status.

13. **(Previously Presented)** The software of Claim 9, further operable to select a second location directive of the flexible configuration file to retrieve hardware information associated with a second of the network devices.

14. **(Currently Amended)** The software of Claim 1 9, wherein the hardware information includes chassis component information ~~further operable to:~~

~~poll the particular network device based on a polling configuration file, the polling configuration file comprising an associated polling interval for each hardware characteristic;~~

~~receive updated hardware information associated with the network device at each associated polling interval; and~~

~~dynamically display the updated hardware information.~~

15. **(Cancelled)**

16. **(Original)** The software of Claim 9, the interactive display comprising a first and a second window, the first window comprising a hierarchical tree structure of hardware characteristics, the second window comprising a tabular display of information associated with a hardware characteristic selected in the hierarchical tree structure.

17. **(Currently Amended)** A system for monitoring information associated with a plurality of distinct network devices in an enterprise system, comprising:

memory storing a flexible configuration file, the flexible configuration file comprising a plurality of location directives, each directive associated with a MIB parameter for one of the network devices; and

one or more processors collectively operable to:

invoke a flexible configuration file, the flexible configuration file comprising a first location directive to retrieve parameters from a first network device and a second location directive to retrieve parameters from a second network device, the first network

device comprising a first device type and the second network device comprising a second device type,

remotely retrieve real-time hardware information associated with the first network device based on the first location directive, the hardware information including information of one or more hardware characteristics; and

dynamically present the real-time information through a display;

poll the particular network device based on a polling configuration file, the polling configuration file including an associated polling interval for each hardware characteristic;

receive updated hardware information associated with the network device at each associated polling interval; and

dynamically display the updated hardware information.

18. **(Canceled)**

19. **(Original)** The system of Claim 17, the hardware information comprising chassis component information.

20. **(Previously Presented)** The system of Claim 17, each hardware characteristic selected from the group consisting of:

memory usage;

chassis temperature;

CPU usage;

fan status;

module card status; and

power supply status.

21. **(Previously Presented)** The system of Claim 17, the processors further operable to select a second location directive of the flexible configuration file to retrieve hardware information associated with a second of the network devices.

22. **(Previously Presented)** The system of Claim 147, each hardware characteristic selected from the group consisting of:

memory usage;

chassis temperature;

CPU usage;

fan status;

module card status; and

power supply status ~~the processors further operable to:~~

~~poll the particular network device based on a polling configuration file, the polling configuration file comprising an associated polling interval for each hardware characteristic;~~

~~receive updated hardware information associated with the network device at each associated polling interval; and~~

~~dynamically display the updated hardware information.~~

23. **(Canceled)**

24. **(Original)** The system of Claim 17, the interactive display comprising a first and a second window, the first window comprising a hierarchical tree structure of hardware characteristics, the second window comprising a tabular display of information associated with a hardware characteristic selected in the hierarchical tree structure.

25. **(Previously Presented)** A method for monitoring hardware information associated with a plurality of distinct network devices in an enterprise system, comprising:

invoking a flexible configuration file, the flexible configuration file comprising a first location directive to retrieve parameters from a first network device and a second location directive to retrieve parameters from a second network device, the first network

device comprising a first device type and the second network device comprising a second device type,

remotely retrieving real-time hardware information associated with the first network device based on the first location directive, the hardware information including information of one or more hardware characteristics;

remotely retrieving real-time hardware information associated with the second network device based on the second location directive, the hardware information including information of one or more hardware characteristics,

dynamically displaying the information through an interactive display;

polling the first network device based on a polling configuration file, the polling configuration file comprising an associated polling interval for each hardware characteristic retrieved;

receiving updated hardware information associated with the first network device at each associated polling interval; and

dynamically displaying the updated hardware information.